Dear Dave, 7/17/89

Gary Shaw was here Saturday (we'd never met before) with a private investigator, Joe H. West, of Houston. They got the Frederick Friday night, stayed at the Holiday Inn, and got lost several times comingnhere. Until they encountered someone who knows me. Groden gave them directions and they apparently didn't think of phoning me to direct them from wherever they'd have phoned.

West says he's been interested in the subject for years and has studied it intensively for the past six month. Apparently without reading any of my books. He took a list with him.

West says his quest is for the shooters. He admits he does not have a single solid lead. When we discussed this I said what you kow I'd say, inlcuding that he really has no way of getting to them the way he is going.

We didn't have as long as they'd have liked in part because they were so late getting here and in part because Gary had to drive back to Bud's home to return the car Bud had loaned him and then get a cab and get to the airport. I'm certain he missed the ~~xxxx~~ plane on which he had a reservation.

West had to be in Philadelphia by 6 p.m. to get to a professional meeting.

Althpugh his card, a copy of which I enclose, does not day so, he says he is a "leagl investigator."

All they talked about was the ridiculous claims, like that of Beverly Oliver, and the nutty theories. West brought nothing up I did not disagree with and nothing that I recall that Golz had not had in the Dallas Morning News.

Absent any real leads on real shooters I suggested that West might want to pursue some leads on the covering-up, like the pacthing of the curbstone and repaving of the street, the phonying to allege that the anterior next wound was from the back, etc.

Gary says that the official TSBD JFK display is now referring those who ask for books to the one he and Bud have a couple of blocks away. Surprising, but I guess the officials finally came to see what I'd told them, that for selling only some books they'd be subject to criticism, including if they sell mine.

Gary has a medical problem of some difficulty, complexity or noth and he gets to Johns Hopkins periodically because of it. He didn't describe it and I didn't ask when he said nothing about it. He says he 'll retun when next he is there.

Best,

Harold